

Grand Canyon Chapter

Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc.



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Chapter Meeting Saturday, January 29

Club Twenty One Restaurant
2920 N. Oracle Road, Tucson

Adventures of the Grand Canyon Chapter at the 2010 Annual Meeting

One of the premier benefits of membership in the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation is that it offers us an opportunity to attend its annual meetings held at various places along the trail.



Chapter member **Brooke Myers** will treat us to a power point slide show of the many activities enjoyed by members during the 42nd Annual Meeting at Lewiston, Idaho.

Her presentation of photos & videos includes the Hell's Canyon pre-trip, the Lolo trail hike and excursions to some of the actual camp sites used by the Corps of Discovery.

This was the first time an annual LCTHF meeting has been hosted by a Native American tribe and held on reservation land. The Nez Perce tribe, which played a critical role in the

success of the Expedition, extended their hospitality to foundation members with exceptional generosity.

**Meeting Room opens at 11:30 am
Luncheon at 12:00 noon
Program Following Luncheon**

**Please join us with friends and family
to enjoy Brook's presentation.**

From the Journals

December 25, 1804 — Whitehouse

This morning being Christmass, the day was announced by the discharge of our swivels, and one Round from our small arms of the whole company; about 7 o'Clock A. M. we fired our Swivels again, when Captain Clark came out of his quarters, and presented a Glass of Brandy to each Man of our party.—

He then ordered the American Flag to be hoisted, which being done; he presented them again with another Glass of brandy.— The Men then prepared one of the Rooms, and commenced dancing, we having with us Two Violins & plenty of Musicans in our party.—

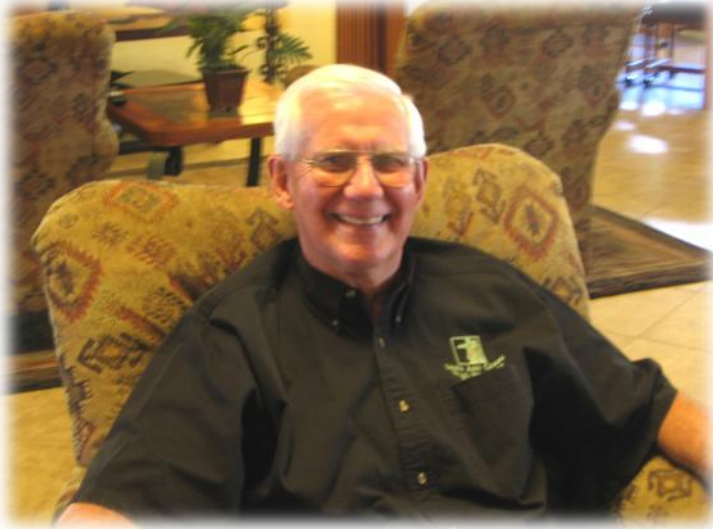
December 25, 1805 — Ordway

rainy & wet. disagreeable weather. we all moved in to our new Fort, which our officers name Fort Clotsop after the name of the Clotsop nation of Indians who live nearest to us. the party Saluted our officers by each man firing a gun at their quarters at day break this morning. they divided out the last of their tobacco among the men that used and the rest they gave each a Silk hankerchief, as a Christmast gift, to keep us in remembrece of it as we have no ardent Spirits, but are all in good health which we esteem more than all the ardent Spirits in the world. we have nothing to eat but poore Elk meat and no Salt to Season that with but Still keep in good Spirits as we expect this to be the last winter that we will have to pass in this way.—

Source: "The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition" Edited by Gary E. Moulton, The University of Nebraska Press, 1983-2001
Lewisandclarkjournals.unl.edu

NEW TRAILS TO TRAVEL

At the chapter meeting held on November 13th at the Wingate Place Community Center in Scottsdale, fourteen members enjoyed a very interesting power-point presentation by **Albert Eddins**, President of the *Southern Trails Chapter* of the Oregon-California Trails Association.



Chapter Secretary, John Bagley

Mr. Eddins talked about how the different trails across the southwest converge into the Southern Trail to California, and their Association's mission to study and preserve those trails.

The **Southern Trail** was the gateway to California for emigrants coming from the southern portion of the United States and northern Mexico during the great American western expansion of the mid-nineteenth century.

Now, an initiative of the Southern Trails and Utah Crossroads Chapters seeks to obtain National Historic Trail status for the Southern Trail to California.

They have working with a host of elected officials and government agencies for four years to achieve the National Historic Trail status and estimate that it will take another eight years to attain that goal.



Southern Trails President, Albert Eddins

Chapter Directors Meeting

7436 E. Chaparral Rd., Scottsdale, AZ
November 13, 2010

Present: Jean Myers, John Bagley, Ray Gentry,
Audrey Aungst and David Aungst

Absent: Jack Nottingham, Doris Martin and
Wayne McKinley

President, Jeanne Myers called the meeting to order at
11:00am.

1. Where do we go from here?

A long and thoughtful discussion was held regarding the dilemma the chapter has in electing new individuals to board positions that need to be filled. All of the current officers have served well beyond their terms and none of those present volunteered to stand for election to another office.

With a declining membership, and no response to an appeal in the July newsletter for more member participation, it seemed that there is little motivation in continuing on as a chapter of the LCTHF.

The discussion led to a motion made by David Aungst and seconded by John Bagley to Dissolve the Grand Canyon Chapter following the scheduled January meeting. All board members present voted for approval of this motion.

The motion will be put to a vote by the general membership at the January meeting. Absentee ballots will be provided in the next newsletter for those not planning to attend.

2. Chapter Continuation

If the motion to disband does not pass, then a slate of officers will be needed to continue operating.

A nominating committee would need to be established at the January meeting with the intent of forwarding a slate of officers for approval at a meeting in April.

3. Chapter Assets

A consideration of what to do with the chapter assets if the vote to disband passes was also discussed.

The board does recommend that at least \$100 be contributed to the Third Generation Fund of the LCTHF.

Chapter at a Crossroads

As noted above, the Board of Directors has moved to dissolve our chapter and put the motion to a vote at the January meeting in Tucson. This decision was not taken lightly. We have all enjoyed many years of sharing the inspiring story of the Corps of Discovery and are saddened by the resolution to disband.

However, it seems as though we have little choice. Current officers have served well beyond their terms and deserve a break. The Board's unanimous decision was based upon their opinion that without more involvement from members there is inadequate incentive for the chapter to proceed on.

Included with this newsletter you will find two (2) forms to aid in the voting process:

ABSENTEE BALLOT(s)

A motion has been made by the Board of Directors to disband the *Grand Canyon Chapter* of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. A vote on this motion by chapter members will be held at the chapter meeting in Tucson on Saturday, January 29, 2010.

If you do not plan to attend this important meeting, please indicate each members vote as soon as possible on this motion and submit the ballot(s) to the Chapter Secretary in the enclosed, pre-addressed envelope.

IDEAS & COMMENTS

1. In the event that the chapter is dissolved, what ideas do you have concerning future get-togethers, if any?
2. If members vote to keep the chapter active, would you be willing to serve as an officer?

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Jeanne Myers has resigned on December 01, 2010 for personal reasons.

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On the Calendar

October 23, 2010 to January 23, 2011: L&C Art Exhibit

The Journey of Lewis and Clark.

Three exhibitions featuring 15 artists that depict the people and landscapes from The Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Tucson Museum of Art
140 N. Main Avenue, Tucson, AZ. (520-624-2333)
www.tucsonmuseumofart.org

Saturday, January 29, 2011: Chapter Meeting

Club Twenty One, 2920 N. Oracle Road, Tucson.

Brooke Myers will present a power point program of activities at the 42nd Annual LCTHF Meeting with the Nez Perce at Lewiston, Idaho.

July 31 – August 3, 2011: 43rd Annual LCTHF Meeting

The 43rd Annual Meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will be held in Omaha, NE/Council Bluffs, IA

July 31 – August 3, 2012: 44th Annual LCTHF Meeting

The 44th Annual Meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will be held in Clarksville, IN

**WISHING YOU
ALL A HAPPY,
HEALTHY,
AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR**

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